

that the board of admiralty has ordered not to exchange any British or French officer or seaman, until the enemy have returned to some of their garrisons in America, such seamen as they have taken upon the American coast, and sent to Great Britain, or other parts beyond seas; and that the board of admiralty give orders for continuing the treatment of prisoners as heretofore directed, until they receive orders to the contrary from congress or the commander in chief.

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CHARLES THOMSON, Sec.

January 23, 1781.

CONGRESS, taking into consideration the eminent services rendered to the United States by brigadier-general Sumpter, of South-Carolina, at the head of a number of volunteer militia from that and the neighbouring states, particularly in the victory obtained over the enemy at the Hanging Rock, on the 6th of August—in the defeat of major Wemyss, and the corps of British infantry and dragoons under his command, at Broad-river, on the ninth day of November, in which the said major Wemyss was made prisoner—and in the repulse of lieutenant-colonel Tarlton and the British cavalry and infantry under his command, at Black-sticks, Tyger-river, on the 12th day of November last; in each of which actions, the gallantry and military conduct of general Sumpter, and the courage and perseverance of his troops were highly conspicuous:

*Resolved therefore,* That the thanks of congress be presented to brigadier-general Sumpter, and the militia aforesaid, for such reiterated proofs of their patriotism, bravery and military conduct, which entitle them to the highest esteem and confidence of their country; and that the commanding officer of the southern department do forthwith cause the same to be issued in general orders, and transmit to general Sumpter.

*Extract from the minutes.*  
CHARLES THOMSON, Sec.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 23.  
*Extract of a letter from Petersburg, Virginia, dated the 11th instant.*

"We have for some weeks past expected our town to be reduced to ashes. The enemy have been within 12 miles of it, and some of their privateers within 6, but luckily for us they received a small check, which occasioned them to fall down to the fleet at Weshover, on James river, and yesterday the whole of them went down, as we expect, to Portsmouth. They have burnt a number of valuable houses on James-river, and carried off a great many negroes. We have every reason to believe they intend to quarter in this state—should that be the case, there must be a total stop to all kind of business."

"General Arnold obliged the inhabitants of Richmond to turn out all their rum, sugar, &c. into the street, and then destroyed the whole, which makes me conclude every thing will take a rapid rise here.—We are all in the greatest confusion here, so that you'll excuse my not being more particular."

ANNAPOLIS, January 25.  
The following advertisements are taken from the Royal South-Carolina Gazette, of the 21st of November last.

In consequence of the powers in me vested by the right honourable earl Cornwallis, and warrants received from his lordship and the commandant of Charles-town; I do hereby make public to all whom it may concern, that I have given the necessary orders for the seizure of the estates, both real and personal, of those persons whose names are undermentioned, excepting such property in Charles-town, as is destined to those who were in the town at the time of capitulation. And I do hereby strictly prohibit all and every person or persons from attempting to conceal, remove, or in any way dispose of the said property, on pain of

being punished, as aiding and abetting rebellion.

JOHN STENDEGE, Henry LEATHES, Thomas Ferguson, Christopher Geddes, William WOODFORD, Peter BULL, Ralph LARD, Arthur MIDDLETON, Charles COLESWORTH, CHARLES, Francis WATSON, John HARRISON, Jun. Isaac HARRISON, Isaac MOSES, Nicholas BRADLEY, John Lewis GERRARD, Stephen BULL, Peter HARRY, Hugh HARRY, Thomas HAYWARD, William Clay SMITH.

Charleston, 13th Nov. 1780.

W. A. N. T. E. D.

PEACEABLE & properly qualified to a P-overseer of slaves in the service, such persons properly recommended, and of approved loyalty and integrity, will meet with suitable encouragement by applying to Mr. CRUDEN, No. 26, Bay-Continued.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I intend to let on lease for one year, from the first of January next, all these valuable plantations, with all necessary buildings, &c. theron, situated on Water-river, four miles below Camden, now, or lately possessed by William Whitaker, James Whitaker, Joshua Denkins, &c. &c. Any person inclined to treat for the whole, or part, may tend their proposals, or apply to me in Chestertown:—If not set by the fifteenth of December, they will be put up at public auction at Camden, and due notice given of the day of sale.

I am in want of an overseer for a plantation, most agreeably situated, and well known in the above neighbourhood, and will give extraordinary encouragement to a person, who is thoroughly qualified to take charge of it, but none need apply, whose character will not bear the strictest scrutiny.

CHARLES OGILVIE,  
No. 10, Bay-Continued.

January 10, 1781.

CAME to the subscriber's plantation, beyond Elk-Ridge, a sorrel mare, about thirteen hands high, a bar in her forehead, four white feet, docked, not branded, three years old last spring, is a natural pacer. The owner is desired to prove his or her property, take her away, and pay charges.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1781.

THE copartnership of Eshman and Neth being this day dissolved by mutual consent, all persons who have accounts to settle with the said partnership are desired to apply to Joseph Eshman.

JAS. ESHMAN,  
3 W. B. & T. M. E. H.

Charles county, August 23, 1780.

BORN yesterday evening and made their escape, the two following fellows, to wit: A negro man committed to my custody as a runaway, on the 28th of July last, by the name of GEORGE, the property of John Nelson (I have been since informed of Frederick county). He is a small fellow, and appears to be young, he is a Guinea, but speaks tolerable good English, and appears to be very artful and cunning; had on and took with him when he made his escape, an old white linen shirt, a country linen ditty, a pair short linen breeches, and a red hat and a negro man named PETE, the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, committed to my custody on the 20th inst. for poisoning, he is much stricken in years, and talks bad English; had on a country linen shirt, and old country cloth breeches. Whoever apprehends the said negro, and secures them in any gaol, so that I get them again, shall receive a reward of one hundred and fifty continental dollars for each, or either of them, and all reasonable charges paid, and if brought home to me, one dollar for every mile above thirty.

JOHN C. WOOD, Jno. sheriff.

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WILL. SOMERVILLE.

W. R. SMITH.